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AUSTRALIAN GAS LIGHT COMPANY, LTD.  
TENDERS

TENDERS addressed to the Secretary will be received at this office until 3 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 19th June, 1918, for the supply of Sheet Zinc, Sheet Lead, Sheet Tin, Sheet Copper, Sheet Brass, required by this Company during the half year ending 31st December, 1918, viz.—  
 1. 100 TONS Brass, Copper, etc.  
 2. 100 TONS Lead.

Specifications and term of Tender can be obtained upon application at the Company's Office, either direct or through their agents. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

H. J. LUCAS,  
Secretary.

Company's Head Office,  
Cotterill's Buildings, Haymarket,

7th June, 1918.

A. VON AND BARRINGTON LTD., BUTTER FACTORY, LTD., GLOUCESTER.

TENDERS are to be made in the hands of the Manager and Clerk, Gloucester, for the sum of £1,000, not later than the 25th June, 1918, for the removal of the Factory Buildings and fixtures, together with the removal of the Factory Buildings and fixtures, not later than the 1st July, 1918, for the removal of the same for completion of work.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

W. G. MOFFITT,  
Town Clerk.

MUNICIPALITY OF HURSTVILLE.  
TENDERS FOR ROAD WORK.

TENDERS are hereby invited, and will be received on MONDAY, the 18th JUNE, 1918, for Work as follows:

1. Forming and Curb-setting, Lane between Victoria-street and Creek-street, Mortdale, and Laying Set of P's, as at 1st class.

2. Excavating Pits from Boundary-road to Station-street, and laying stone in a double row.

Specifications may be inspected at the Council's Office during these days.

J. J. McNAUL,  
Town Clerk.

MUNICIPALITY OF PARMAHATTA.  
TENDERS

Tenders will be received by the undersigned on 12 p.m. on MONDAY, the 18th JUNE, 1918, for the Removal of PARMAHATTA.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

R. DAVIES,  
Town Clerk.

MUNICIPALITY OF PERTH.  
TENDER EXCLUSIONS.

Tenders will be received at the PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE, PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, on Friday, the 22nd June, 1918, for the supply of Sheet Zinc, Lead, and Tin, and for the removal of the Public Works Building, Perth, W.A., now known as the NEW GENERAL POST-OFFICE, PERTH.

Drawings and Specifications may be seen, and all tenders must be submitted to the Office of the Commissioner of Works, Perth, on or after the 4th June, 1918.

Tenders to be addressed to "THE NEW GENERAL POST-OFFICE, PERTH, W.A., and General Postmaster, Perth, W.A.", now General Post-office.

Bidders are requested to state their names, together with references at my office.

D. H. BALEY,  
Architect.

Cottage-street, Sydney.

THE CITY OF BRISBANE.  
TENDER EXCLUSIONS.

BUILDERS are invited for Alterations and Additions to the SHOE & CLOTHING MILL, William and George-streets, Brisbane, to be made in accordance with drawings and specifications, together with references at my office.

W. H. BROWN,  
Architect.

30 Pitt-street, City.

BRIDGE OVER MACQUARIE-KELLEDY AT BATHURST.

Contractors may obtain Bills of Quantities for these Public Works on application by letter to Mr. G. E. Gidley, Engineers, 123 Pitt-street, Sydney.

BUILDERS—New cottage, about 22x20. Price wanted £1,000. Must be up by 1st July.

BUDGLEYLAVERS—New cottage, about 22x20. Price wanted £1,000. Must be up by 1st July.

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BUREAU OF ELECTRICAL PLANT, COMPANY, LIMITED.

ELECTRICAL PLANT.

TELEGRAMS are invited for the SUPPLY and REPAIRS of the following items:

(1) One 200 K.W.A. 450 volts, 50cycle Turbine.

(2) Condenser Plant for Item 1.

(3) One panel Switchboard (one generator).

(4) One Water-tube Boiler capable of evaporating 100 lbs. water at 100° F. to steam at 200 lbs. pressure.

(5) One Superheater capable of generating 100 lbs. water at 100° F. to steam at 200 lbs. pressure.

(6) One pump capable of pumping 100 lbs. water at 100° F. to steam at 200 lbs. pressure.

(7) One Set of Auxiliaries (feed pump, etc.) for the above-mentioned plant.

TELEGRAMS must be handed in at the Company's Office on or before MONDAY, noon, August 19, 1918, to the Manager, Bureau of Electrical Plant, COAL and BUNKERING COMPANY, LTD.

24 Jamison-street, Sydney.

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DRIED BLUE PEAS.

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## CURRENT LITERATURE.

## THE MERCANTILE MARINE.

"The Merchant Seamen in War," by Mr. L. Cope-Cornford, celebrates a service which has gone about its duty quietly and unostentatiously and has laid the Allies under an obligation which can never be sufficiently repaid. "The honours and the dangers and even the mercantile marine," observes the author, "with a sentiment slightly differing from mine, though not in degree, from the sentiment which we feel for the naval sailor and the professional soldier. For the business of the men is war; they made their account with contingencies when they entered the King's service. But the merchant seaman is a neutral in his occupation except when he is drawn to the act of hostis non ad bellum, or to the act of hostis ad bellum, and when he is doing his duty in insuring them. The Foreign Office might have succeeded, Mr. Ackerman thinks, but for the fact that the services captured him, though not in degrees, from the sentiment which we feel for the naval sailor and the professional soldier. For the business of the men is war; they made their account with contingencies when they entered the King's service. But the merchant seaman is a neutral in his occupation except when he is drawn to the act of hostis non ad bellum, or to the act of hostis ad bellum, and when he is doing his duty in insuring them. The Foreign Office, however, and when they had to make public opinion. By a bold paradox (the absurdity of which seems to have been lost on their countrymen) they asserted that the submarines were fighting for the ideal of the freedom of the seas, and were thus acting for the benefit of the whole world.

The author observes, "What German designs are not free from suspicion?" He says, "because the war had already been free before the war." What Germany wanted he could carry on as usual, knowing that even if he fell in with the enemy and were captured, he would suffer inconvenience but no further harm. But this war has changed all that. Nowdays the civilian world works on land, and he is not actually engaged in the fighting. His wife is the victim of an air raid, and his position little changed. But the civilian who works on the sea is in a different case. His life is one of continual suspense; any moment he may be blown to pieces or drowned by a mine or a healthy submarine. Death now awaits him hourly in a hundred terrible and lingering ways, and death has claimed his life by ten times as many ways as it did before the war.

The author describes some of the adventures of the merchant marine in this war, and makes a strong appeal to give more notice of his unpublished work. His book is a gloss on the bald official reports issued week by week that so many vessels were sunk, so many unsuccessfully attacked, armed or unarmed, as the case might be, and so many safely arrived in port. The names and details of wrecks kept secret at that time we do not even know. The author had intended, Mr. Cope-Cornford tells us, to lay the laurels. His record deals with steady liners, rusty tramps ploughing up and down the seas, hairbreadth escapes, doom-faced grimly, and heroism in a thousand inconspicuous deeds. There is no monopoly of gallantry in this Valhalla; captains and cooks do their duty with the most heroic spirit, and sailors stick to their posts to the depths of abomination. But though compasses are often, there is one man who stands out in this chronicle, and that is "Sparta," the wireless operator, in peace infallibly superior with his technicalities and range of knowledge, who in war has stood to his post and died there, his last conscious movement calling aid to his ship "Sparta" in her prostration, and the end of these adventures. There is, for instance, a vivid drama played in the wireless room of the Anglo-Californian pursued by a submarine, and "speaking" to three converging British cruisers. The author simply reproduces the conversation as it is recorded in the official files, the Anglo-Californian reporting that he was being followed by a submarine, and that the French "interceptions" of the submarine were in progress. The "interceptions" of the submarine, which was seen what was afloat, concentrated her fire on her quarry's wireless, the suspense, the final discomfiture of the pursuer. After reading this one realises that the laconic end and dash of the Morse code can express the whole story of a conflict as surely as the rich language of a Shakespeare.

Mr. Cope-Cornford mentions the flagrant cases of the Lusitania and the Persia; but he is concerned to remind us that there have been hundreds of Lusitanias and Persias, the fate of which has been none the less atrocious because the vessels were smaller and the lives lost fewer in number. The author, however, refers to the torpedoes of the Lusitania as causing her thousands, and the inconspicuous tragedy of the cruiser in which only a score of children, women, and men are lost. In each case, the German hand strikes with the same foul purpose. He notes that German hate and ruthlessness grow upon what they feed on. In the first phase of submarine warfare, the Germans, like the French, the neutrals of Nurem, and the Innumerable Neutrals which have stained German arms by land and sea. They were often rather ashamed and excused themselves by the remark that "war is war." In the second phase, "war is still war, but it was also murder." In the third, when the Persia was sunk, the author writes, "I am afraid that this was compensation in the fact that it had now a certain effect, it was to be expected that the past immediately peace is declared." The sense of war Australian seafarers had suffered in like degree from the Germans they would not be ready to extend both hands to the enemy. (Hodder and Stoughton: Dymock's.)

## GERMANY AT WAR.

Mr. Cope-Cornford writes early in this issue, the representative of an American newspaper, and remained there, with interludes at one or other of the German fronts, until the growing antagonism against America made existence practically impossible for all Americans outside the diplomatic and consular corps. His experiences are described in "Germany—The Next Republic?" which contains a chapter on the "Aussies" in Germany at that time. Mr. Ackerman was first of all, not only neutral but benevolently neutral. He had admired the German people in former times, and was prepared to believe that the fault lay in their rulers rather than in themselves. The atrocities in Belgium and France had not then been substantiated by an impartial tribunal, and the Germans, when Mr. Ackerman met them, were still in their original form, which he often affects to cover. (N.B.W. Book Co.)

## NEW FICTION.

There is an interest beyond the subject matter in "The Rod of the Snake," the tale Captain Vere Shortt and Mrs. James Matthews. Captain Shortt was a young Englishman who had fought in the South African war, was rated about the world, and made highly successful deals as a merchant. His wife, Miss Reeve, had the best efforts in India and at Cairo. The indefatigable Shortt had the actress for a mistress. His new climbing Melbourne season will have lasted nine weeks, and until now "the Maestro" has carried all before it without change. (Newspaper.)

"The Man Who Came Back," the story of a man's regeneration, by Julian Eckert Goodman, will be staged at the Melbourne Theatre Royal on June 29, for Muriel Starr, a fair who will obviously interest the audience. It is "Within the Law" at the Criterion. The new play is a varied phase of life in five acts. The first takes place at the home of a Wall-street millionaire in New York; the second in a cabaret in San Francisco; the third, in an opium den Shanghai; the fourth, on a pineapple plantation in Hawaii; the fifth, in New York. In the cabaret scene Miss Starr will appear as a singer for the first time. Her new climbing Melbourne season will be a most exciting fun in the book, which admirably reflects the somewhat farcical humour in which the "Aussies" indulge in pleasant and stressful times alike.

## MUSIC AND DRAMA.

Among the concerts arranged by Mrs. George Harp, under the auspices of the Soldiers' Entertainment, for week ending today were:—Miss Loring, Mr. Harold Lloyd, Mr. Bert Howard's Vauville Company, Holdsworth Concentration Camp guard, in addition to these concerts, a military band, and a band of the Royal Engineers, and a band of the Royal Artillery.

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## THRUST TO COMPIEGNE STOPPED

### FRENCH REGAIN GROUND SITUATION WELL IN HAND

LONDON, June 14.

The French have stopped the enemy's thrust towards Compiegne, and are stated to have the situation well in hand.

Ground was regained along the Matz, the French re-occupying Melicocq, on the southern bank.

The Germans made further progress between the Aisne and Villers Cotterets, after desperate fighting.

#### THE OFFICIAL STATEMENTS.

An urgent press message, despatched at captured in our attacks on Tuesday afternoon on Friday, states: "The French stopped a very dangerous thrust which was striking towards Compiegne from the south-east of Arras, and inflicted heavy enemy casualties. One trench-mortar was brought back and two others were destroyed."

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#### AIR WARFARE. BRITISH ACTIVITY.

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Sir Douglas Haig reports: "Our squadrons at the front destroyed 15 enemy aeroplanes. Some fell in flames, and others broke in the air. One British machine is missing. On the British front we destroyed five German machines and drove down two uncontrollable."

We dropped 20 tons of bombs in the daytime on various targets, including Lian Junction and the railways at Courtrai, Armentières, and Châlons, a dump at Bapaume, and the docks at Bruges.

#### GERMAN TOWNS BOMBED.

Heavy bombs were dropped on Merton railway station, and sidings during two successful raids on Wednesday afternoon. A squadron on Thursday attacked Trousse station.

Another squadron dropped a ton of bombs on factories and the stations at Dillingen. Simultaneously factories and the station at Hagenhausen were subjected to attack.

At this time the first warships at Mülheim. Enemy aircraft attacked the town.

One German aeroplane was destroyed, and two driven down. One British machine is missing.

#### FRENCH ACTIVITY.

A French communiqué reports: "Our bombing squadrons yesterday dropped sixteen tons of projectiles in the battle zone, and 25 tons during the night of June 12-13 on cantonments and convoys, and marching troops in the enemy's rear. We bombed also the village of Rieuebourg, Reons-sous-Matz, and Orville-Sorrel, and the regions of Roye and Oisemont. The aeroplane which had been dropped on the battlefield.

Our prisoners now number 15,000. We have captured—guns. The enemy captured some of our guns.

We attacked southward of the Aisne, and drove back the enemy beyond Curcy and Dommeries. We cleared the enemy out of the region of Soissons, taking 1500 prisoners.

A French communiqué at midnight on Thursday stated: "The Germans powerfully counter-attacked between Coudeilles and north of Meurs, but were caught by our fire, and compelled to retire to their starting-point, with heavy loss, without approaching our positions. The material

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#### GERMAN REPORT.

(Admiralty—per Wireless Press.) A German official report states: Strong French counter-attacks took place westward of Noyon, broke down with very heavy losses. Over 60 armoured cars were captured. Our aircraft shattered the attack, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy, and entirely maintained their gains.

In the afternoon the Germans momentarily recaptured the line north of Coroy, which were ejected. We restored the positions entirely. There is lively artillery fire in the region of Ourecq, and in the direction of Champliat and La Pontelle. The front is quiet elsewhere.

Another communiqué issued on Thursday afternoon states: "The enemy has not renewed his attack between Montdidier and the region of Anthieul. We have consolidated our positions."

On our right a counter-attack enabled us to throw back the enemy to the north-east bank of the Mata. We reoccupied the height of Rieul and Mollecourt. We took 100 prisoners and some machine-guns.

Fighting continues violently between the Aisne and the Forest of Villers-Cotterets. The Germans made progress as far as the ravine east of Liverdun, and after a desperate struggle gained a footing in Coudeilles and St. Pierre-Aigle. The enemy gained a footing in the village of Liverdun at most points. The enemy attempted to debouch from Coudeilles and advance west of Verte Ferme. Our completely failed. The enemy did not renew his attacks.

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